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As a result of the dissolution of the Ministry for Machine Construction and of the Administrations for People's-owned Plants (VVB's) in the new Ministries for Heavy Machine Construction, General Machine Construction, and Transport and Agricultural Machine Construction, it became necessary to change the designations of East German plants. For this reason, all plants under the three Ministries will in the future bear only simple plant designations, without any additional VVB designators. Thus, for example, the former VVB LKH Berghmann-Borsig, Berlin, will now be called simply VVB Berghmann-Borsig, Berlin; and the former Z Plant VVB Spindelfabrik Hartha VVB Textima will henceforth bear the name VVB Spindelfabrik Hartha. Independent of this decision, however, the former VVB designators can be used for advertising purposes and on products. The Minister for Heavy Machine Construction has been empowered to grant the right to use the following VVB designators: BKH, LKH, GUS, LUS, POLYGRAPH, TEXTMA, MACHMA. The Minister for General Machine Construction can authorize the use of the following indicators: VM, IMA, RFT, MCHNIK, OPTIK, SANAR, LARKIN, LEMA, TMA. Use of the following designators may be granted by the Minister of Transport and Agricultural Machine Construction: LOMA, LBH, IMA, VVA, VVS. The former VVB designators will, therefore, in the future have the character of commodity designators (Warenzeichen).

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